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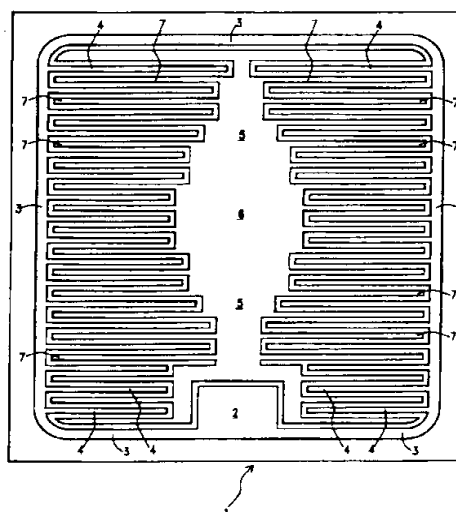
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(54) MOS-technology power device integrated structure and manufacturing process thereof

(57) A MOS-technology power device integrated structure comprises a first plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes (11) of a first conductivity type formed in a semiconductor layer (9) of a second conductivity type, each including an elongated source region (15) of the first conductivity type, an annular doped semiconductor region (8) of the first conductivity type formed in the semiconductor layer (9) and surrounding and merged with the elongated stripes (11), insulated gate stripes (16) extending over the semiconductor layer (9) between adjacent elongated stripes (11), a plurality of conductive gate fingers (4) extending over and electrically connected to the insulated gate stripes (16), and a plurality of source metal fingers (7), each one extending over a respective elongated stripe (11) and contacting the elongated stripe (11) and the respective elongated source region (15), so that the source metal fingers (7) and the conductive gate fingers (4) are interdigitated.

Fig.1



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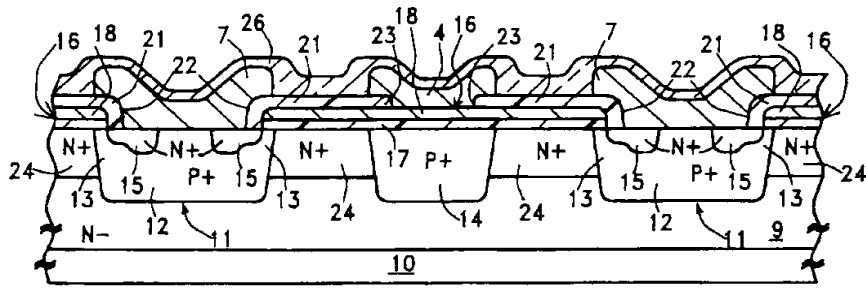


Fig.7

Description

The present invention relates to a MOS-technology power device integrated structure, more particularly to a Vertical Double-Diffused power MOS (VDMOS) or an Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT), and to a manufacturing process thereof.

Conventional MOS-technology power devices have a cellular structure, comprising several thousands elementary cells integrated in a semiconductor substrate to form a bidimensional array; each elementary cell represents an elementary VDMOS and is connected in parallel to all the other cells, in order to contribute for a given fraction to the overall current of the power device.

MOS-technology power devices of this type are for example described in the United States Patents No. 5,008,725, No. 4,593,302 and No. 4,680,853.

Each cell comprises a polygonal P type body region (square or hexagonal) formed in a lightly doped N type layer; a polygonal source region is provided inside each body region; the polygonal source region defines a polygonal annular portion comprised between the external edge of the source region and the edge of the body region; such polygonal annular portion, covered by a thin oxide layer (gate oxide) and a polysilicon layer (polysilicon gate), forms a channel region of the elementary VDMOS.

The polysilicon gate and the underlying gate oxide form a mesh over the surface of the lightly doped N type layer, since they substantially are continuous layers with openings over the center of the elementary cells. Elongated regions with no elementary cells are provided in the gate oxide and polysilicon layers; at this elongated regions the polysilicon layer is contacted by gate metal fingers extending from a gate metal pad. The remaining surface of the chip is covered by a source metal layer contacting the source regions of all the elementary cells.

The cellular structure allows to achieve high channel lengths per unit area; this in turn limits the voltage drop across the power device when it is in the "on" state (i.e. the so-called "on-state resistance" $R_{DS(on)}$): this is an important parameter, because it is directly related to the steady-state power dissipation of the power device.

However, due to the fact that the resistivity of polysilicon is not negligible, a parasitic resistance is intrinsically introduced by the polysilicon layer in series between the gate metal pad and the gate of the cells; the farther a cell from a gate metal finger, the higher its gate resistance. Such a resistance, together with the input capacitances of the cells and with other parasitic capacitances (e.g. the parasitic capacitances between the polysilicon gate and the substrate in the area between the cells), forms an RC circuit which strongly affects the dynamic performances of the power device.

Although the polysilicon gate layer is normally doped to reduce its resistivity, the effects on the dynamic performances of the power device are limited.

A significant improvement would be obtained augmenting the number of gate metal fingers, thus reducing the spacing between them; this obviously reduces the gate resistance of the elementary cells, but at the expense of a reduction in the channel length per unit area, and thus with an increase in the $R_{DS(on)}$.

The parasitic capacitances can be controlled by using a thicker gate oxide: this however has an impact on the threshold voltage of the power device.

A reduction in the spacing between the cells also allows to limit the parasitic capacitances, but again at the expense of an increase in the $R_{DS(on)}$.

In view of the state of the art described, it is an object of the present invention to provide a new MOS-technology power device integrated structure which overcomes the above-mentioned problems; more specifically, the new MOS-technology power device structure shall have good dynamic performances but not at the expense of the steady-state performances.

According to the present invention, such object is attained by means of a MOS-technology power device integrated structure characterized by comprising a first plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes of a first conductivity type formed in a semiconductor layer of a second conductivity type, each of said elongated stripes including an elongated source region of the first conductivity type, an annular doped semiconductor region of the first conductivity type formed in the semiconductor layer and surrounding and merged with said elongated stripes, insulated gate stripes extending over the semiconductor layer between adjacent elongated stripes, a plurality of conductive gate fingers extending over and electrically connected to said insulated gate stripes, and a plurality of source metal fingers, each one extending over a respective elongated stripe and contacting said elongated stripe and the respective elongated source region, so that the source metal fingers and the conductive gate fingers are interdigitated.

A MOS-technology power device structure according to the present invention has no longer a cellular structure; the "body regions" are represented by said elongated doped semiconductor stripes, and the channel is an elongated portion of said elongated stripes defined by the elongated source region. Each insulated gate stripe, which is associated with two elongated channel regions defined in the adjacent elongated stripes by the respective elongated source regions, is contacted by a respective conductive gate finger, such as a metal finger or a metal silicide finger. Thus, even if the resistivity of the insulated gate layer (polysilicon) is relatively high, the parasitic gate resistance of the power device is quite small. The dynamic performances of the power devices are thus improved, but not at the expense of the static performances.

In a preferred embodiment, a second plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes of the first conductivity type is also provided, these further elongated stripes being also merged with said annular region; each elongated stripe of this second plurality is located

under a respective insulated gate stripe, so that the elongated stripes of the first plurality are intercalated with the elongated stripes of the second plurality.

The elongated stripes of the second plurality, being merged with the annular region, are at the same electric potential as the elongated stripes of the first plurality, i.e. at the source potential. The presence of a doped semiconductor stripe of the first conductivity type under the insulated gate layer has two major advantages. Firstly, it allows an improvement in the dynamic performances of the power device: in fact, being the stripe at the source potential, the parasitic capacitance associated to the insulated gate layer is an input capacitance (i.e. a capacitance between gate and source), while if the stripe were absent the parasitic capacitance would be between gate and drain (the semiconductor substrate). Due to the Miller effect, a capacitance between gate and drain affects more negatively the dynamic performances than an input capacitance. Secondly, the presence of the doped semiconductor stripes under the insulated gate stripes allows to flatten the electric field lines in the regions between the elongated stripes when the device is strongly reverse-biased (high reverse voltage applied between source and drain). Crowding of the electric field lines is thus avoided, so that early breakdowns at the edges of the doped semiconductor stripes are prevented; this leads to an increase in the breakdown voltage of the power device.

Preferably, heavily doped semiconductor stripes of the second conductivity type are provided between the doped semiconductor stripes of the first and second pluralities.

The presence of heavily doped stripes of the first conductivity type at the sides of the doped semiconductor stripes forming the "body regions" of the power device leads to a reduction in the R_{DSon} .

The insulated gate layer is insulated from the underlying semiconductor layer by means of an oxide layer.

In one embodiment of the present invention, such an oxide layer has a uniform thickness, equal to the thickness of a thin gate oxide over the channel regions.

In another, preferred embodiment of the invention, such an oxide layer comprises thin gate oxide areas over the channel regions, and thicker oxide areas between the elongated stripes of the first plurality, in particular over the elongated semiconductor stripes of the second plurality.

The use of a thicker oxide layer over the regions between the "active" stripes (i.e. the elongated stripes of the first plurality, containing the source regions) reduces the parasitic capacitance between gate and source, thus improving the dynamic performances of the device. Moreover, it is advantageous from the point of view of the manufacturing yield, since it is known that thin oxide layers over heavily doped regions are quite defective.

These and other features of the present invention will be made more evident by the following detailed

description of some particular embodiments, described as non-limiting examples with reference to the annexed drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a schematic top-plan view of a MOS-technology power device chip according to the present invention;

Figure 2 is an enlarged view of a corner region of the chip of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged view of another region of the chip of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along line IV-IV of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view taken along line V-V of Figure 2;

Figure 6 is a cross-sectional view taken along line VI-VI of Figure 2;

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view taken along line VII-VII of Figure 2, in a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 8 is a cross-sectional view taken along line VIII-VIII of Figure 3, in the first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 9 is similar to Figure 7, in a second, preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figure 10 is similar to Figure 8, in said preferred embodiment;

Figures 11 to 16 are cross-sectional views taken along line VII-VII of Figure 2 showing some steps of a process for the manufacturing of a MOS-technology power device according to the first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 14A is a cross-sectional view showing an alternative step to that of Figure 14 of a process for the manufacturing of a MOS-technology power device according to the preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figures 15A and 16A are cross-sectional views showing further steps of the process for the manufacturing of the device according to the preferred embodiment;

Figure 17 is a schematic top-plan view of the MOS-technology power device integrated structure after the step of Figure 14;

Figure 18 is a diagram showing doping profiles of several doped regions of the MOS-technology power device structure of the present invention;

Figure 19 is a diagram comparatively showing current-voltage characteristics for a cellular power device of the known art and for the power device of the present invention;

Figure 20 is a detailed top-plan view of a portion of a body region of the MOS-technology power device of the present invention, in one particular embodiment.

Figure 1 schematically shows in top-plan view a chip 1 of a MOS-technology power device according to the present invention. The chip 1 is provided, near its

periphery, with a gate metal pad 2; a gate metal ring 3 running along the periphery of the chip 1 is connected at its edges to the gate pad 2. Conductive gate fingers 4 depart horizontally from the gate ring 3 and extend towards the center of the chip 1.

At the center of the chip 1 a source metal plate 5 is provided; the source plate 5 has a central enlarged pad area 6; source metal fingers 7 depart horizontally from the source plate 5 towards the periphery of the chip 1 and are interdigitated with the gate fingers 4. The source metal plate 5 is rather narrow near the periphery of the chip 1 and becomes progressively wider approaching the pad area 6; this is because the source plate 5 must sustain a current which is smaller near the periphery of the chip 1 (where the current is the sum of a small number of contributions from the individual source fingers 7) and which becomes larger approaching the source pad area 6.

Figure 2 is an enlarged top-plan view of a corner region of the chip 1 of Figure 1, more precisely the upper-left corner; the gate ring 3, the gate fingers 4 and the source fingers 7 are shown in phantom for the sake of clarity. A P+ ring 8 concentric with the gate metal ring 3 is visible; as shown in the cross-sectional views of Figures 4, 5 and 6, the P+ ring 8 is formed in a N- semiconductor layer 9 (typically a lightly doped epitaxial layer). The N- layer 9 is in turn superimposed on a heavily doped semiconductor substrate 10; the substrate 10 can be either of the N type, in the case of a power VDMOS, or of the P type, in the case of an Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT). All the conductivity types given above relates to N-channel devices; for P-channel devices all the conductivity types must be reversed. A P- ring 50 is provided all around the P+ ring 8 (Figs. 2 and 4-6); the P- ring 50 forms in a per-se known way an edge structure for the P+ ring 8, and spreads the depletion region associated to the junction between the P+ ring 8 and the N- layer 9, thus increasing the breakdown voltage of the power device.

As visible in Figures 2 and 4, a first plurality of P type stripes 11 departs horizontally from the P+ ring 8. The stripes 11 forms so-called "body regions" of the power device; as better visible in Figure 7 (which is a cross-section in a direction transversal to the stripes 11), each stripe 11 comprises a central P+ portion 12 (analogous to the so-called "deep body region" of the cellular devices of the known art) and two shallower and more lightly doped portions 13 at the sides of and merged with the P+ portion 12. Also, inside each stripe 11 two N+ source stripes 15 are provided; the N+ source stripes 15 substantially extends for the whole length of the stripe 11 (see Figure 4). In alternative, the N+ source stripes 15 can be provided with periodic interruptions (Fig. 20), for the reasons which will be explained later on.

As also shown in Figures 2 and 5, a second plurality of P+ stripes 14 also departs horizontally from the P+ ring 8. The stripes 14 of the second plurality are interca-

lated with the stripes 11 of the first plurality, i.e. between two stripes 11 there is always provided a stripe 14.

As schematically shown in Figure 17, both the stripes 11 and the stripes 14 extend horizontally for substantially the whole length of the chip 1, and are merged at both their edges with the P+ ring 8; only in a chip region under the gate metal pad 2 the stripes 11 and 14 do not extend for the whole length of the chip, but they are however merged at both sides with the P+ ring 8.

As shown in Figures 2 and 6, N+ stripes 24 extend horizontally between the stripes 11 and 14. The stripes 24 are completely isolated one from the other, being surrounded at each side by P type regions.

As shown in Figure 2, stripes 16 of a conductive insulated gate layer are placed over the P+ stripes 14; each stripe 16 partially extends over the lightly doped portions 13 of two adjacent stripes 11.

As shown in Figure 7, the insulated gate layer comprises an oxide layer 17 and a polysilicon gate layer 18. In one embodiment of the invention, the oxide layer 17 is rather thin and has a uniform thickness. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, shown in Figure 9, the oxide layer 17 comprises thin gate oxide portions 19 which extend over the lightly doped portions 13 of the stripes 11, and thicker portions 20 over the P+ stripes 14. As previously noted, the use of a thicker oxide layer over the P+ stripes 14 reduces the parasitic capacitance between the polysilicon gate layer 18 and the P+ stripes 14, i.e. the gate-source (input) parasitic capacitance, thus improving the dynamic performances of the device. Also, it is advantageous from the point of view of the manufacturing yield, since it is known that heavily doped semiconductor regions such as the P+ stripes 14 getter metal contaminants, and when a thin oxide layer is formed over such heavily doped regions these contaminants migrate in the oxide layer inducing defects.

A dielectric layer 21 is placed over the insulated gate stripes 16; elongated windows 22 and 23 are provided in the dielectric layer 21 respectively over the center of the stripes 11 and over the center of the stripes 14. Each source metal finger 7, placed over the dielectric layer 21, contacts the N+ source stripes 15 and the P+ portion 12 of a respective stripe 11; each gate finger 4, also placed over the dielectric layer 21, contacts a respective underlying stripe 16 of insulated gate layer. the gate fingers 4 can be made of metal, exactly as the source fingers 7, or they can be made of a silicide. In the case the N+ source stripes 15 are provided with periodic interruptions, as shown in Figure 20, a better short-circuit of the whole P+ portion 12 (including the part of the P+ portion 12 under the N+ source stripes 15) with the N+ source stripes 15 is achieved; this assures that the parasitic bipolar transistor with emitter, base and collector represented by the regions 15, 12 and 9 has the base short-circuited with the emitter.

The P- ring 50 which surrounds the P+ ring 8 is covered by a thick field oxide layer 51; the polysilicon layer

18 extends over the field oxide layer 26, where it is contacted by the gate ring 3.

As shown in Figure 3, which is an enlarged view of upper-central portion of the chip of Figure 1, the windows 22 in the dielectric layer 21 extends horizontally for substantially the whole length of the chip 1; thus, at the center of the chip 1 the P+ portion 12 and the N+ source stripes 15 of each stripe 11 can be contacted by the source metal plate 5. The windows 23 instead do not extend for the whole length of the chip, being interrupted at the center of the chip 1 near the source plate 5, to prevent the source plate 5 to come into contact with the insulated gate layer 16. This clearly appears from Figures 8 and 10, which similarly to Figures 7 and 9 respectively illustrates the two possible embodiments of the invention with respect to the structure of the oxide layer 17.

The whole chip is covered by a passivating layer 26, in which windows are opened over the gate metal pad 2 and the pad area 6 of the source metal plate 5.

The presence of the P+ stripes 14 under the insulated gate layer 16 between adjacent "body region" stripes 11 has two major advantages. Firstly, it allows an improvement in the dynamic performances of the power device: in fact, being the P+ stripes 14 at the source potential (because they are merged with the P+ ring 8), the parasitic capacitance associated to the insulated gate layer 16 is an input capacitance, i.e. a capacitance between gate and source, while if the stripe were absent the parasitic capacitance associated to the insulated gate layer 16 would be a capacitance between the polysilicon gate 18 and the N- layer 9, i.e. a gate-drain capacitance. Due to the Miller effect, a gate-drain capacitance affects more negatively the dynamic performances than an input capacitance. Secondly, the P+ stripes 14 allow to flatten the electric field lines in the regions of the N- layer 9 between the stripes 11 when the device is strongly reverse-biased (high reverse voltage applied between source and drain). Crowding of the electric field lines is thus avoided, so that early breakdowns at the edges of the doped semiconductor stripes are prevented; this leads to an increase in the breakdown voltage. Experimental tests have proven that breakdown voltages of up to 40 V are attainable.

The presence of the N+ stripes 24 allows a reduction in the "on resistance" $R_{DS(on)}$ of the power device.

It has been experimentally proven that a MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to the present invention shows a gate resistance (R_g) varying between 0.7 and 1 Ohm, while a cellular structure device according to the known art shows typical gate resistance values ranging from 2.2 and 3.1 Ohms; thus, the gate resistance of the power device structure of the present invention is significantly lower than that of known power devices, and is less dispersed. Such a reduction in the gate resistance has not been achieved at the expenses of the on-state resistance $R_{DS(on)}$: experimental tests, shown in Figure 19, have proven that the power device structure of the present invention

has a lower $R_{DS(on)}$ than known cellular power devices. In Figure 19, which is a source current vs drain-source voltage plot, curve A refers to a cellular power device according to the known art, and curve B refers to a power device according to the present invention: it appears that for any drain-source voltage value, the source current sunk by the power device according to the invention is higher than that of the cellular power device. It should be appreciated that such improvements have been obtained only by means of a different layout technique, and not in the manufacturing technology.

A manufacturing process for a MOS-technology power device according to the present invention starts with a heavily doped semiconductor substrate 10. A lightly doped layer 9 is epitaxially grown over the substrate 10; the lightly doped layer 9 is of the N type for an N-channel device, and of the P type for a P-channel device.

A thick field oxide layer 30 is formed over the N-layer 9 (Fig. 11). The field oxide layer 30 is then selectively removed to open in it windows 31 for the implantation of a P type dopant, to form the P+ ring 8, the P+ portions 12 of the stripes 11 and the P+ stripes 14. The implant dose is between 10^{15} - 10^{16} atoms/cm² (Fig. 12). After this implantation, the field oxide layer 30 is again selectively removed, and a P type dopant is implanted in a dose of about 10^{12} atoms/cm² to form the P- ring 50.

A thermal diffusion process is then performed submitting the chip to a temperature of about 1100-1200 °C for two-three hours, to make the implanted dopant diffuse. Successively, the chip is submitted to a temperature of about 1000 °C for five-six hours: an oxide layer 32 about 13000 Angstroms thick grows over the whole surface of the chip 1 (Fig. 13).

The oxide layers 32 and 30 are then completely removed except that near the edges of the chip (over the P- ring 50, see Figures 4-6), and an N type dopant is implanted to form the N+ stripes 24; the implantation dose, of the order of 10^{12} atoms/cm², is sufficiently low not to reverse the conductivity type of the already formed regions 12 and 14. After the implantation, an annealing treatment is performed (Fig. 14).

A thin gate oxide layer 17 is then formed over the surface of the chip; the oxide layer 17 has a typical thickness of about 1000 Angstroms.

A polysilicon layer 18 is deposited over the gate oxide layer 17 (Fig. 15).

The polysilicon layer 18 and the oxide layer 17 are then selectively removed over the stripes 12 to define the insulated gate stripes 16.

A P type dopant is then implanted in a dose of about 10^{13} atoms/cm² and is then made to diffuse by means of thermal process at a temperature of about 1100 °C for six-seven hours to form the lightly doped portions 13 of the stripes 11 at the sides of the P+ portions 12 (Fig. 16).

An N type dopant is then selectively implanted in the stripes 11 to form the N+ source stripes 15; the N

type dopant dose is of the order of 10^{15} atoms/cm². A short thermal diffusion process allows the diffusion of the N type dopant to form the source stripes 15.

A dielectric layer 21 is then deposited over the whole chip, and it is then selectively removed to open the contact windows 22 and 23.

A metal layer is deposited over the dielectric layer 21, and it is selectively removed to define the gate pad 2, the gate ring 3, the gate fingers 4, the source plate 5 and the source fingers 7.

Figure 18 shows the doping profile of the different doped semiconductor regions at the end of the manufacturing process.

Figure 14A show an alternative process step suitable to obtain a structure according to the preferred embodiment of the invention.

Coming back to Figure 13, the oxide layers 32 and 30 are not removed from the regions over the P+ stripes 14: in this way, as shown in Figure 14A, the 13000 Angstroms-thick oxide layer 32 is left over the P+ stripes 14.

The process goes on in the same way previously described; Figures 15A and 16A show the structure according to the preferred embodiment of the invention after the steps 15 and 16 of the process previously described.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the present invention not only applies discrete power devices, as those previously described, but also to MOS-technology power devices integrated in Vertical Intelligent Power ("VIP") integrated circuits and BCD integrated circuits.

Claims

1. MOS-technology power device integrated structure characterized by comprising a first plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes (11) of a first conductivity type formed in a semiconductor layer (9) of a second conductivity type, each of said elongated stripes (11) including an elongated source region (15) of the first conductivity type, an annular doped semiconductor region (8) of the first conductivity type formed in the semiconductor layer (9) and surrounding and merged with said elongated stripes (11), insulated gate stripes (16) extending over the semiconductor layer (9) between adjacent elongated stripes (11), a plurality of conductive gate fingers (4) extending over and electrically connected to said insulated gate stripes (16), and a plurality of source metal fingers (7), each one extending over a respective elongated stripe (11) and contacting said elongated stripe (11) and the respective elongated source region (15), so that the source metal fingers (7) and the conductive gate fingers (4) are interdigitated.
2. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 1, characterized in that said gate fingers (4) are connected to a conductive gate ring

(3) surrounding the gate fingers (4), said gate ring being in turn connected to a gate pad (2).

3. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claims 1 or 2, characterized in that said source metal fingers (7) extend from a common source metal plate (5) substantially located at the center of the integrated structure.
4. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 1, 2 or 3, characterized in that it comprises a second plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes (14) of the first conductivity type, merged with said annular region (8), each elongated stripe (14) of the second plurality being located under a respective insulated gate stripe (16), so that the elongated stripes (11) of the first plurality are intercalated by the elongated stripes (14) of the second plurality.
5. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 4, characterized in that it comprises heavily doped semiconductor stripes (24) of the second conductivity type between the elongated stripes (11, 14) of the first and second pluralities.
6. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that the insulated gate stripes (16) are insulated from the underlying semiconductor layer (9) by means of an oxide layer (17).
7. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 6, characterized in that said oxide layer (17) is a thin gate oxide layer and has a uniform thickness.
8. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 6, characterized in that said oxide layer (17) comprises thick field oxide areas (20) over the semiconductor layer (9) between the elongated stripes (11) of the first plurality, and thin gate oxide areas (19) partially extending over the elongated stripes (11) of the first plurality.
9. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that said elongated source region (15) comprises two laterally displaced elongated source regions (15).
10. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 9, characterized in that said two laterally displaced elongated source regions (15) substantially extends for the whole length of the respective elongated stripe (11) of the first plurality in which they are included.

11. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 9, characterized in that said two laterally displaced elongated source regions (15) are provided with periodic interruptions.

12. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that each elongated stripe (11) of the first plurality comprises a heavily doped elongated central portion (12) and two lateral lightly doped elongated lateral portions (13).

13. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that said elongated stripes (14) of the second plurality and said annular region (8) are heavily doped.

14. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that said semiconductor layer (9) is lightly doped.

15. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that said semiconductor layer (9) lies over a heavily doped semiconductor substrate (10).

16. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 15, characterized in that said semiconductor substrate (10) is of the second conductivity type.

17. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to claim 15, characterized in that said semiconductor substrate (10) is of the first conductivity type.

18. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that said first and second conductivity types are the P and N types, respectively.

19. MOS-technology power device integrated structure according to anyone of claims 1-17, characterized in that said first and second conductivity types are the N and P types, respectively.

20. process for the manufacturing of a MOS-technology power device integrated structure, characterized by providing for forming a first plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes (11) of a first conductivity type and an annular doped semiconductor region (8) of the first conductivity type in a lightly doped semiconductor layer (9) of a second conductivity type, the annular region (8) surrounding and being merged with the elongated stripes (11), forming elongated source regions (15) of the second conductivity type in said elongated stripes (11),

forming conductive insulated gate stripes (16) over the semiconductor layer (9) between and partially extending over said elongated stripes (11), forming conductive gate fingers (4) extending over and contacting respective insulated gate stripes (16), forming source metal fingers (7) each one extending over and contacting a respective elongated stripe (11) and the elongated source region (15) formed therein.

21. Process according to claim 20, characterized by further providing for forming a second plurality of elongated doped semiconductor stripes (14), inside and merged with said annular region (8), each one intercalated with the elongated stripes (11) of the first plurality.

22. Process according to claim 22, characterized by providing for forming heavily doped semiconductor stripes (24) of the second conductivity type between the elongated stripes (11,14) of the first and second pluralities.

23. Process according to claim 22, characterized by the following steps:

- a) forming a thick oxide layer (30) over the lightly doped semiconductor layer (9);
- b) selectively removing the thick oxide layer (30) to open windows (31);
- c) implanting a heavy dose of a first dopant of the first conductivity type through the windows (31) in the thick oxide layer (30);
- d) diffusing the first dopant to form said first and second pluralities of elongated stripes (11,14) and said annular region (8);
- e) removing the thick oxide layer (30);
- f) implanting a second dopant of the second conductivity type to form said heavily doped stripes (24) of the second conductivity type, said second dopant being implanted in a dose suitable not to invert the conductivity type of the elongated stripes (11,14) and of the annular region (8);
- g) forming a thin gate oxide layer (17);
- forming a polysilicon layer (18) over the gate oxide layer (17);
- h) selectively removing the polysilicon layer (18) and the gate oxide layer (17) to define said insulated gate stripes (16);
- i) implanting a low dose of a third dopant of the first conductivity type to form lightly doped elongated channel portions (13) at the sides of the elongated stripes (11) of the first plurality;
- l) selectively implanting a heavy dose of a fourth dopant of the second conductivity type to form said elongated source regions (15);
- m) forming a dielectric layer (21);
- selectively removing the dielectric layer

(21) to open elongated contact windows (22,23) respectively over the elongated stripes (11) of the first conductivity type and the insulated gate stripes (16);

n) forming a metal layer over the dielectric layer (21);

o) selectively removing the metal layer to form said source fingers (7) and gate fingers (4).

24. Process according to claim 23, characterized in that in step d) it provides for growing a further thick oxide layer (32), and in that in step e) the thick oxide layers (30,32) are not removed over the elongated stripes (14) of the second plurality.

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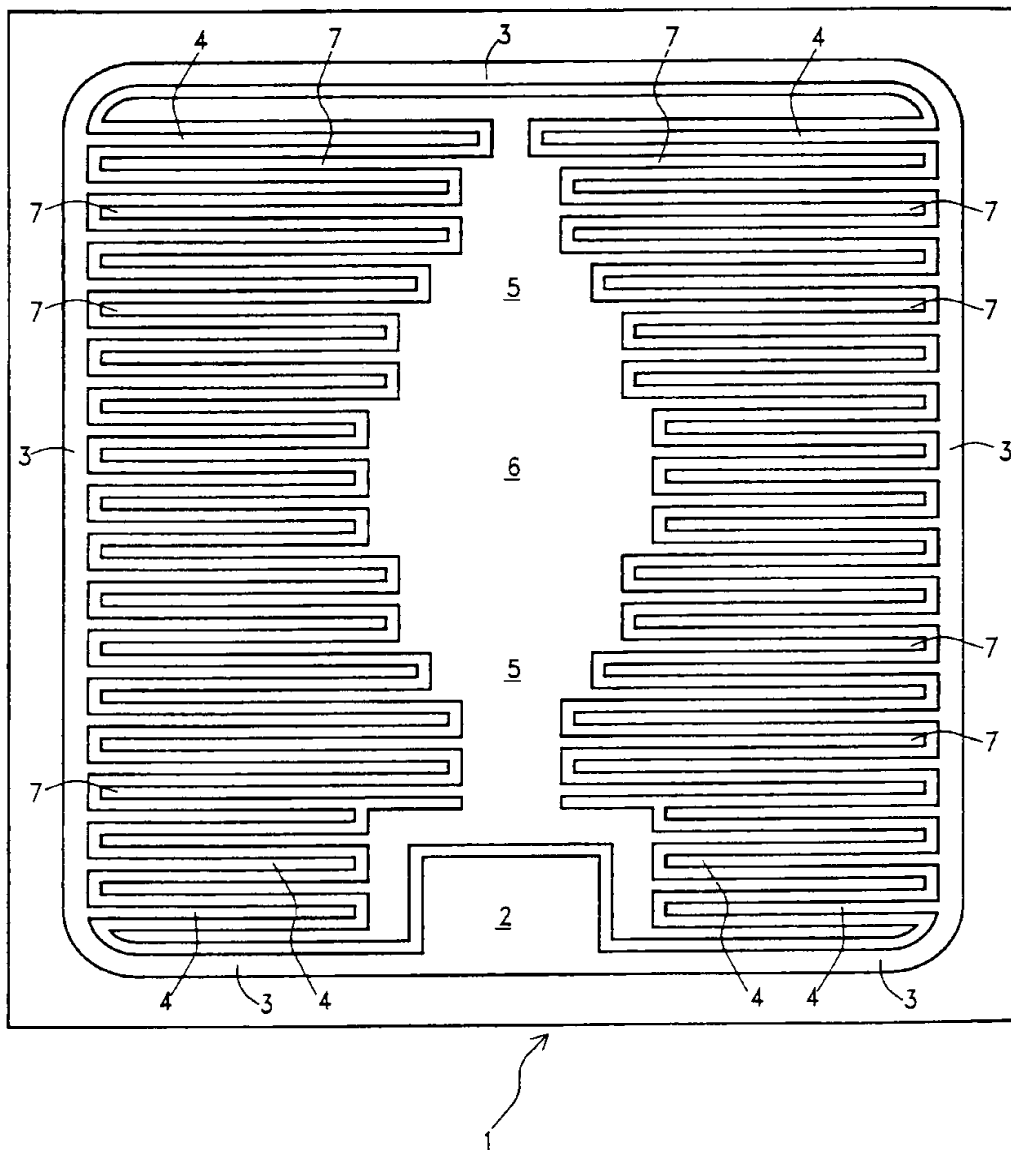
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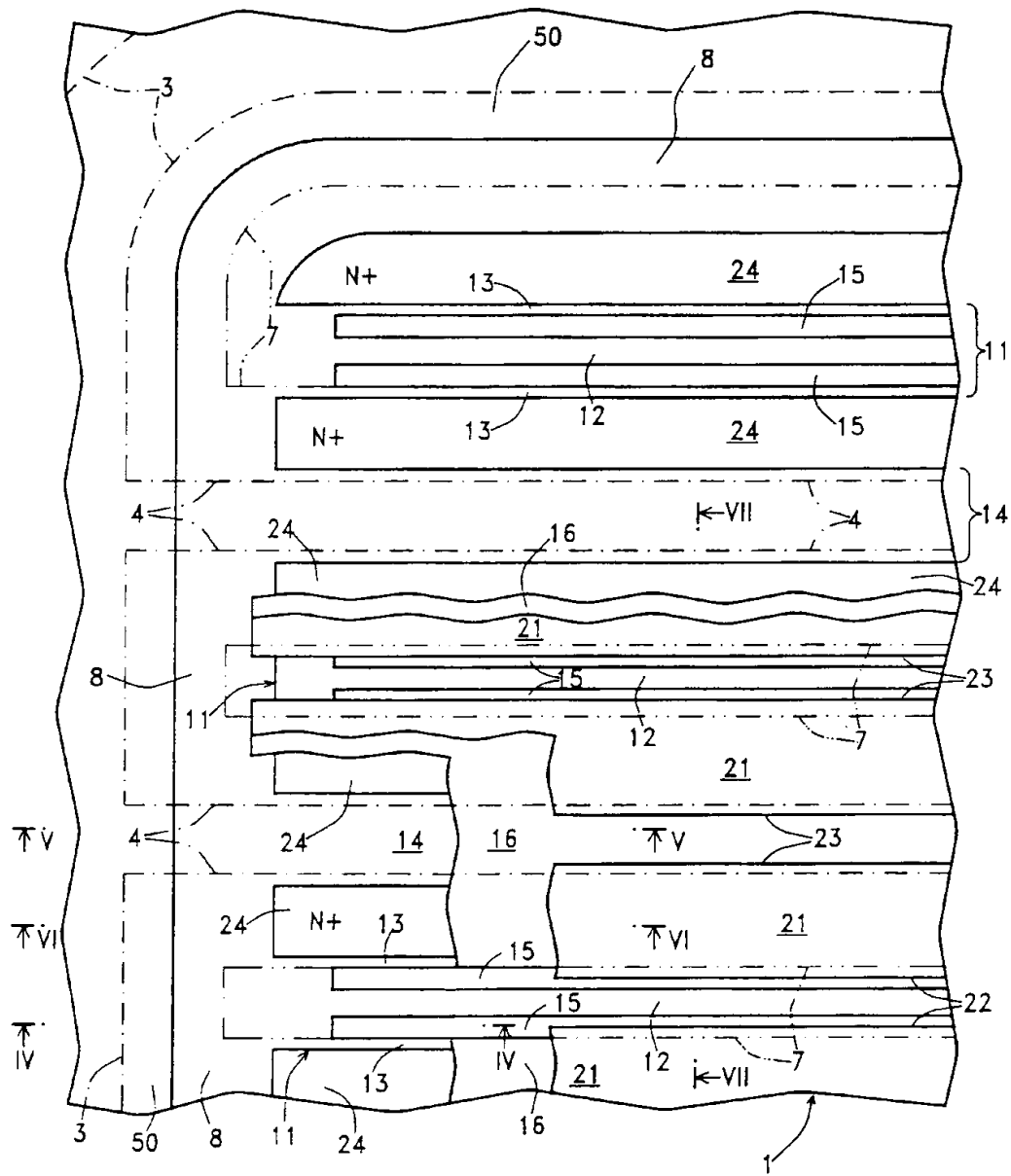


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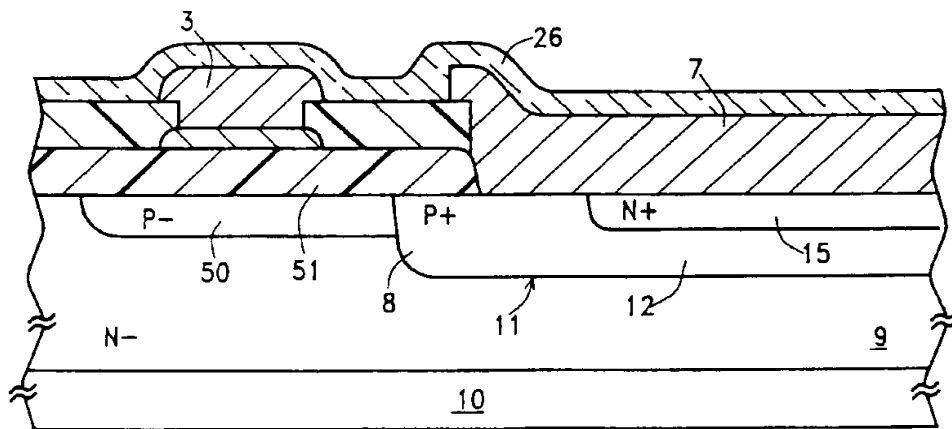


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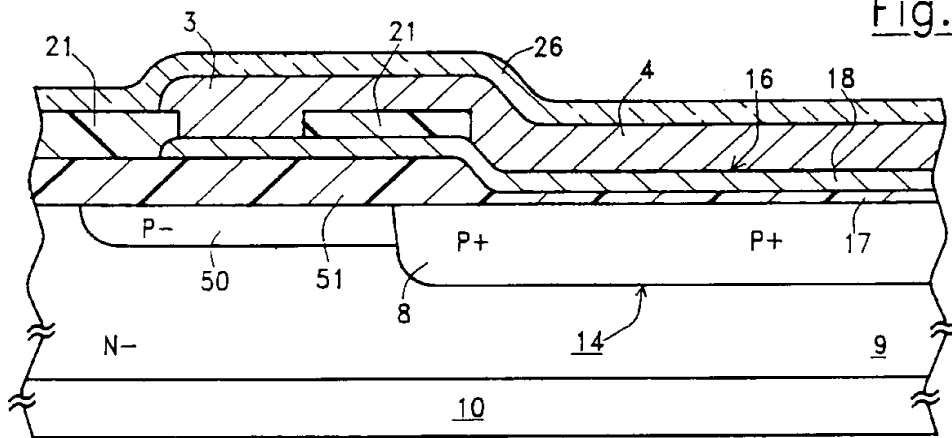


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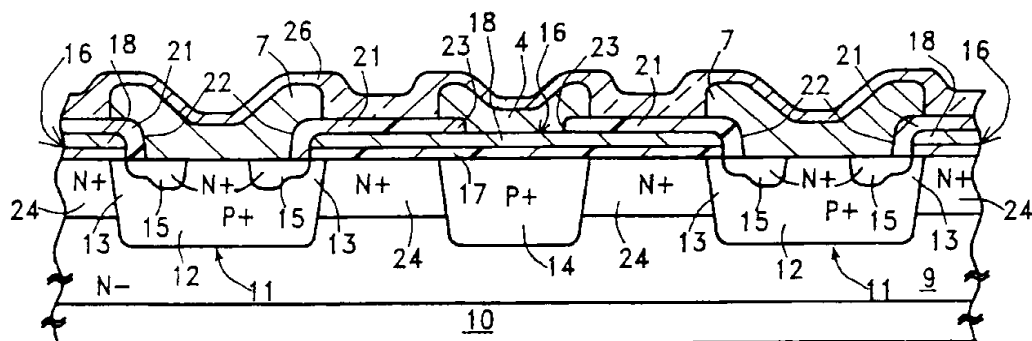


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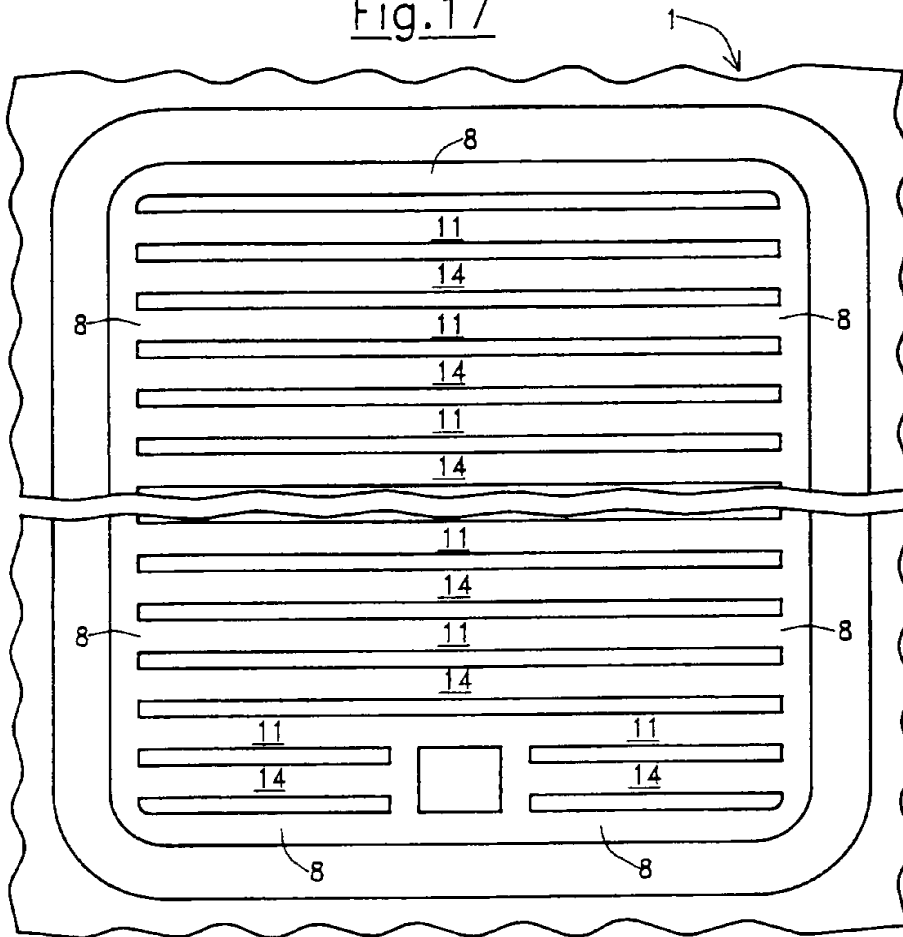
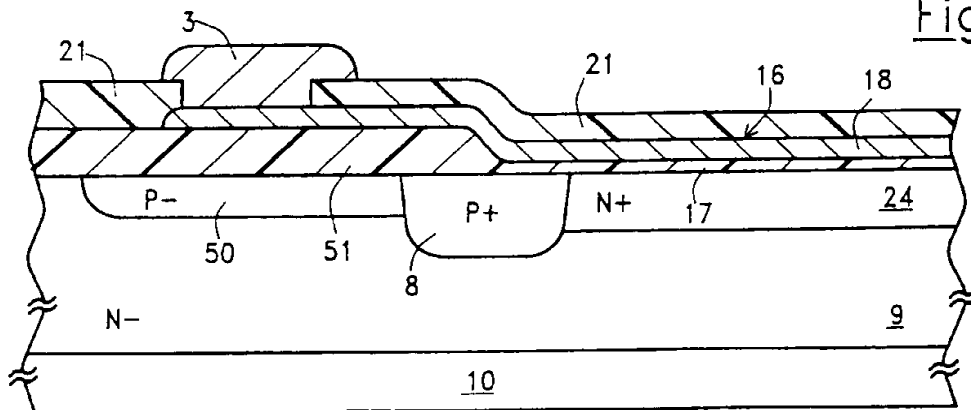


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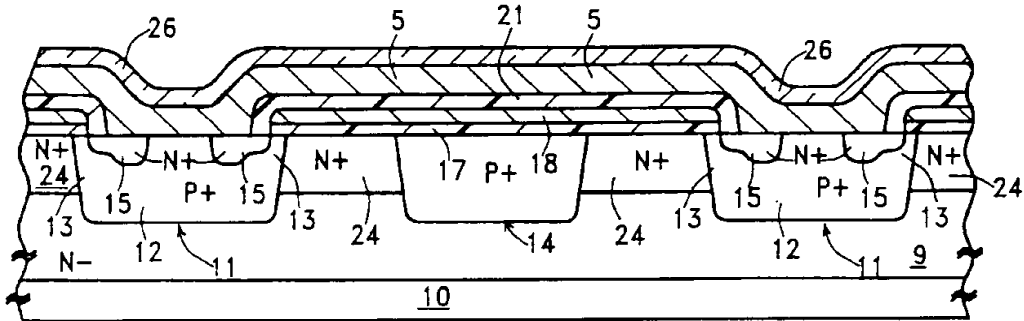


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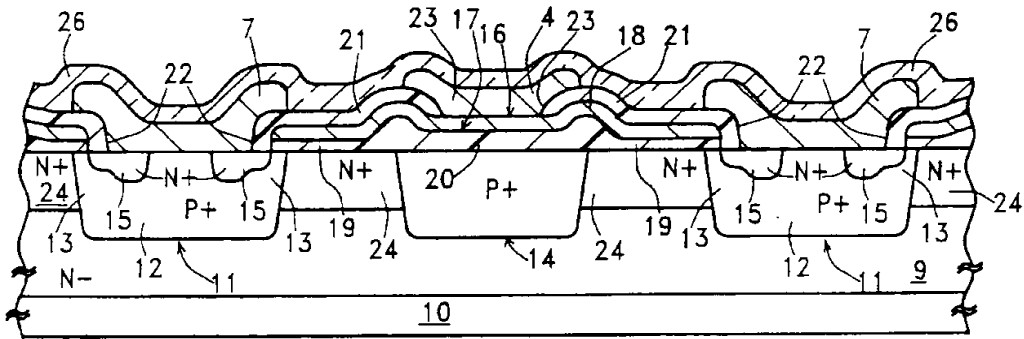


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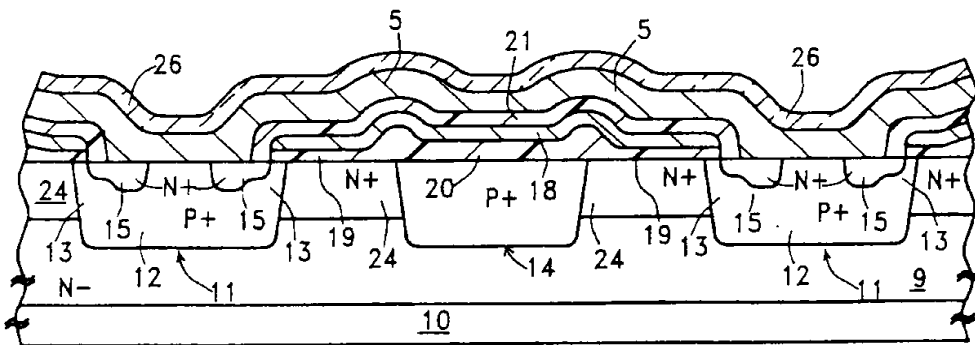
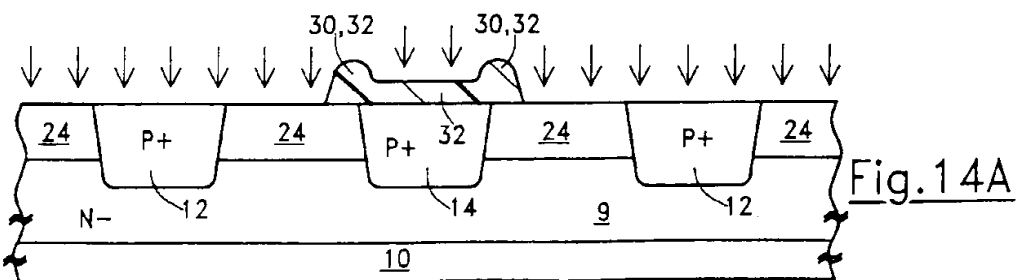
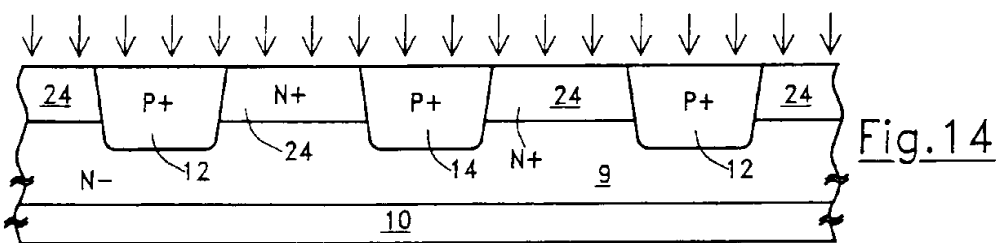
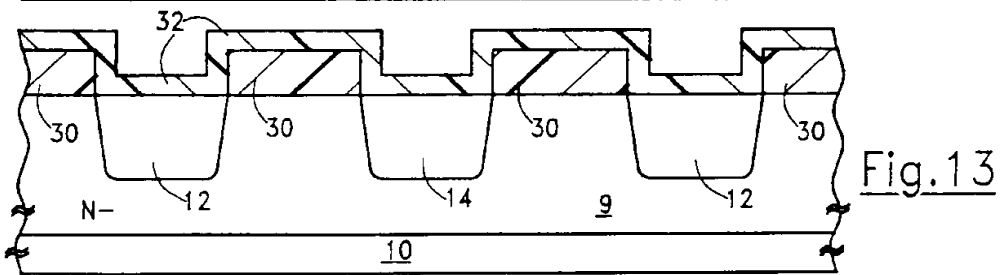
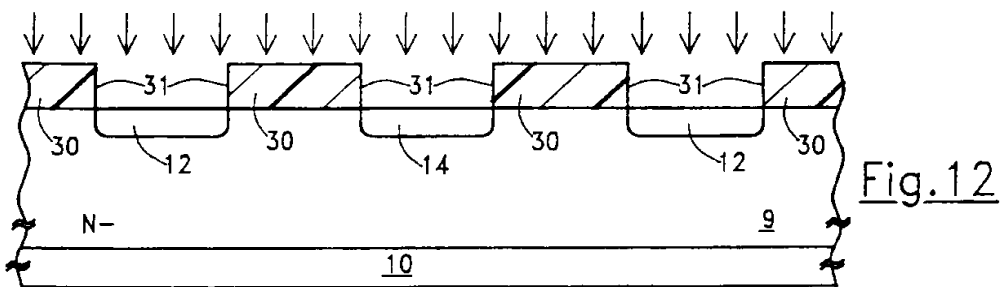
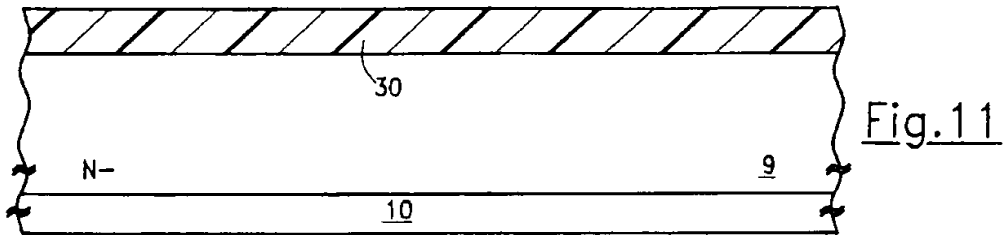


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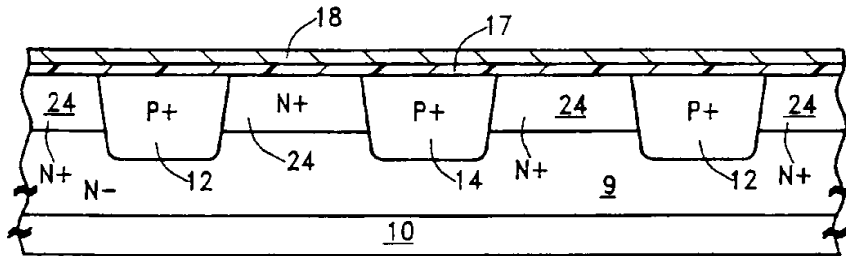


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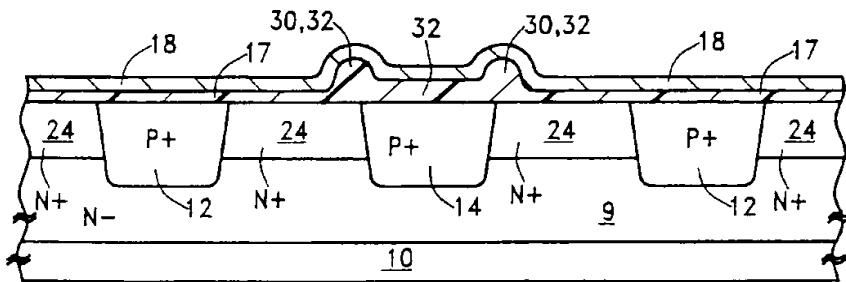


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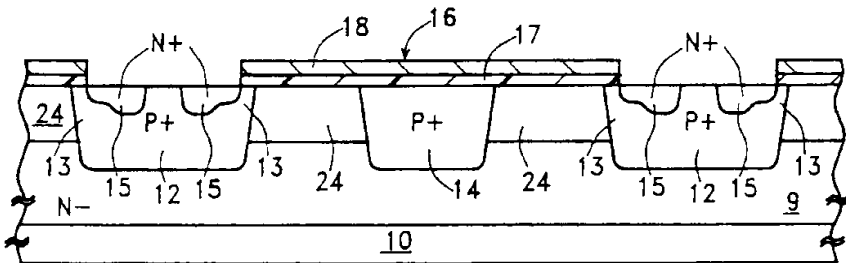


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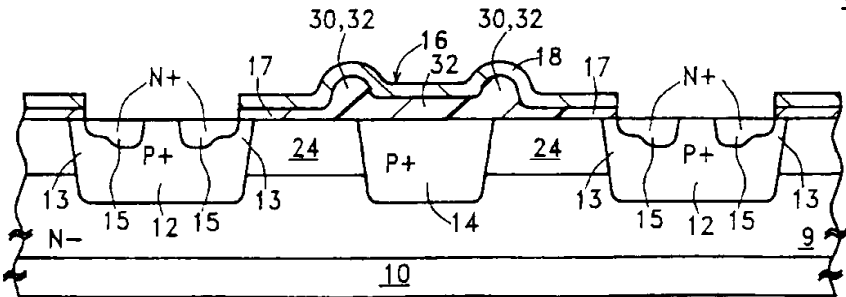
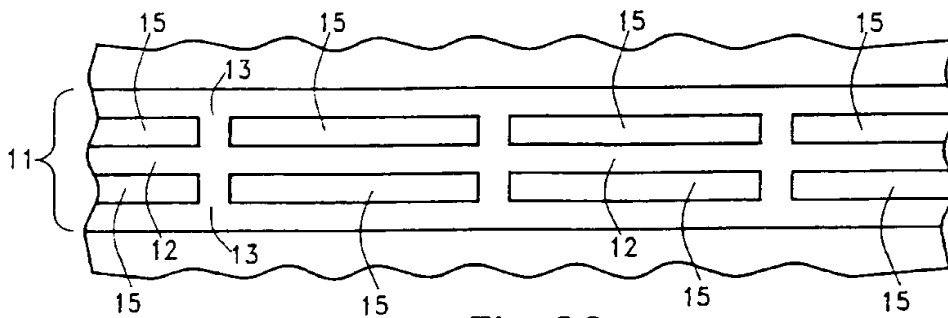
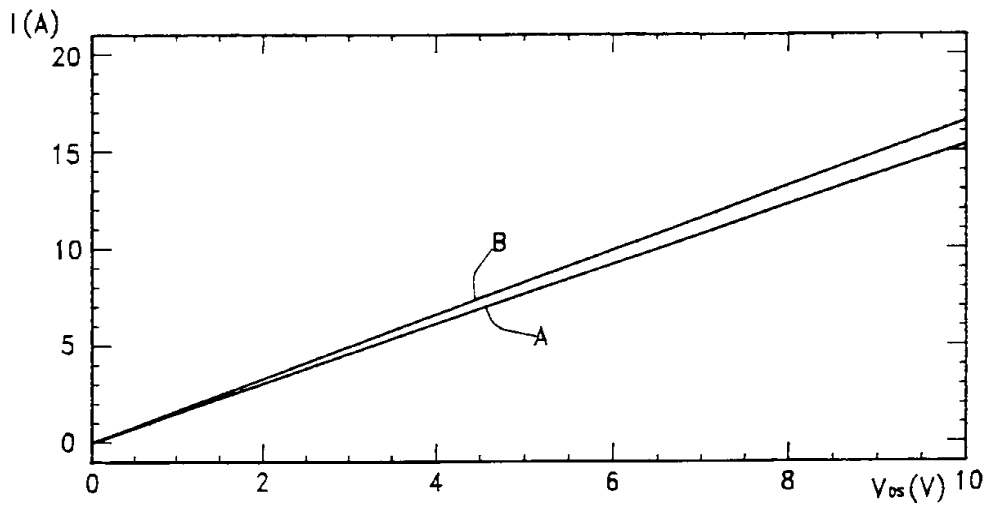
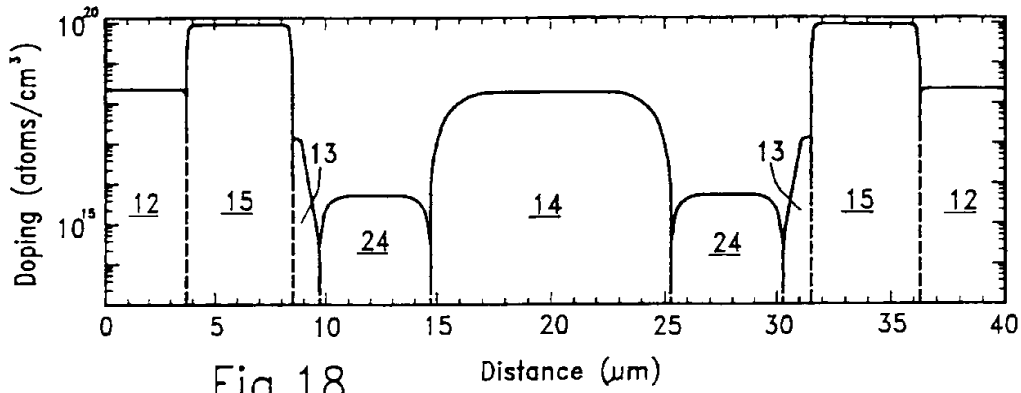


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